

HOWE GREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2011 AT 8 PM IN THE HOWE
GREEN CHAPEL

Minutes

1. Apologies for Absence

Yvonne Bullock, Pam Knott.

2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM

Proposed: Tony Hollingsworth Seconded: Richard Spooner. Approved.

It was pointed out that a clause in the minutes that abolished the concessionary rate for subscriptions to the HGCA has not been implemented.

3. Cllr. Ian Wright

As a borough councillor, Cllr. Wright outlined the aims of the council in keeping costs down. Ian discussed safety provisions in the borough, attraction of commercial concerns to the borough, concessionary bus passes, V Festival and its benefits, Riverside Leisure Centre refurbished, refurbished Civic Centre bringing essential services to one area, the need for control and provision of traveller sites, City status, the 'Happiest Town' award, Queens Jubilee and Royal Wedding celebrations. He was asked about the quest for City Status and he listed a number of advantages. The quest was criticised for the expense involved and the suggestion was made that borough councillors had financial and other motives for pursuing this objective. Ian refuted these suggestions and pointed out that a lot of costs have been reduced.

As chairman of Sandon Parish Council, Ian discussed the award of the Sandon Cup to the late Ian Coppin, the launch of the VDS, the Open Gardens event, the village fete, the loss of a valued parish councillor, Ron Bullus, the precept unchanged for this year and efforts to provide a new village hall.

4. Neighbourhood Watch

David Pearson explained that he carried out his function of NW coordinator for Sandon through the email forums. There have been nine incidents reported in the village in the past year including thefts from houses, garages, cars. Also last week car windscreens were smashed in the drive of a house in Southend Road. A few days ago we learned of the accident at Butts Gn Rd.

5. Sandon Village Design Statement

Neville, as vice-chairman of the VDS committee, explained that the VDS has been approved by the borough council and is now available for use by planners and other. Copies were available at the rear of the hall.

Richard asked that the thanks expressed to David and the committee for their work on the VDS be minuted.

6. Chairman's Report

August: Travellers came and went. They occupied the field adjacent to the A12 roundabout but were sent away by the police.

August: Essex Highways proposed to close the Southend Road for a week for repairs. Repairs were and still are needed but there was concern about the disruption to the bus service. In the event they decided not to proceed because of budget constraints. We were told that the road would be patched up in the new financial year.

September: Garden Party: The garden party was held on Saturday 18th September 2010 at Woodside, East Hanningfield Road, with kind permission of Peter and Gilly Longhurst. The weather was kind once again and a good time was had by all.

December: We were notified that the electricity would be cut off for a day while trees were trimmed. After complaints from numerous residents, because of the cold weather at that time, the event was postponed.

Chelmsford Borough Council had problems with the recycling area at the East Hanningfield Road junction as it is being used as a general rubbish dump and, although the bins are also used, they are constantly being contaminated by people not using the correct bins. After consultation, they removed the bins.

Feb 24th: Electricity outage. After being notified that the electricity would be cut for a day, it went off at lunch time. Some trees were trimmed but apparently there is more to be done.

March 13th Sunday Lunch at the Royal Tiger Restaurant, Rettenden Road. 18 residents enjoyed a good meal and a gossip.

We plan to organise a garden party again this year in September.

We publish the newsletter in Spring and Autumn. If there is anything you would like to contribute, please let me know.

7. Treasurer's Report

Wendy presented the accounts (attached). The current balance stands at £4243.

8. Election of Officers.

The following were available for re-election:

Chairman: David Pearson
Vice-chairman: Ken Wedon
Treasurer: Wendy Spooner

The chairman appealed for a volunteer to act as secretary. None was forthcoming.

There were no new nominations for officers. Anne proposed re-election of the officers and Richard seconded the motion, which was passed.

9. Election of Committee Members.

The following were available for re-election:

Martin Cross, Vic Morgan, Richard Spooner, Yvonne and Paul Bullock

Barbara proposed re-election, Tony seconded and it was passed.

Alan Mitchell was proposed for election to the committee. He accepted the nomination. His election was proposed by Vic and seconded by Barbara: passed.

10. Environment

Potholes.

Speeding. The Community Speed Watch was discussed. Five people have been retrained, others have yet to be. Other methods of traffic calming were discussed. The pinch points were criticised as not being very effective. *Alan agreed to check the pinch points and make recommendations about steps that could be taken to improve their effectiveness.*

The Bullocks were complimented for the pinch point flowers.

11. Social Events

Summer Garden Party. The committee is looking into the possibility of holding a garden party again in September.

12. Any other business

None.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

Howe Green Community Association

Income and Expenditure Account

<u>Year End</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>
<u>Income</u>	£	£
Subscriptions	370.00	296.00
Bank Interest	3.00	2.00
Surplus on functions	----	118.00(garden party)
Sandon Fete	----	-----
Donation	100.00	-----
	<hr/> 673.00	<hr/> 416.00

Expenditure

Photocopies/Printers	184.00	273.00
Hire of Hall	72.00	12.00
Server	----	----
Others: bulbs etc	----	41.00
Subsidy on functions	----	12.00
Solicitors Fees	604.00	----
	<hr/> 860.00	<hr/> 338.00

Total (deposit and current account).

<i>Balances at end of</i>	<i>31/3/2010</i>	<i>31/3/2011</i>
<i>Cash in Bank</i>	<i>£4165.00</i>	<i>£4243.00</i>

Figures have been rounded up to nearest pound.

Subs handed in after 31.3.11 to be included in March 2012 accounts.

Treasurer: Wendy Spooner.